

**REMARKS*****Amendments to the Claims***

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, twenty-eight (28) claims are pending in the application. Of the pending claims, six (6) claims are independent.

***I. Allowable Subject Matter***

The Examiner has concluded that claim 9 is directed to allowable subject matter and that the claim would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 9 depends from claim 1 through intervening claim 8 and would be allowable in independent form by incorporating the limitations from claim 1 and 8. Claim 21 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 9 in the form of an independent claim. Therefore, as the logical corollary to the Examiner's conclusion that claim 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, applicant submits that claim 21 and its dependent claim are allowable by incorporating the allowable subject matter therein.

***II. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)***

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3-6, 23, 25-26 and 28 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,060,407 (the Skochdopole reference). The Skochdopole reference discloses a uniplaner, non-woven grid that can be connected to a frame through integrally formed border element strands. According to the Skochdopole reference, these strands are also uniplaner, like the thinner strands that make up the grid. As the Examiner concluded, the Skochdopole